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-- 74. A combination according to Claim 70 further comprising a port near the proximal end of each catheter tube by which a flushing liquid under pressure is selectively displaced proximal-to-distal within the hollow passageways of the catheter tubes. - -

REMARKS:

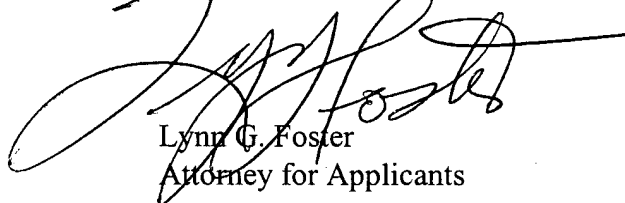
The Pending Claims:

Claims 55 through 74 are now pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 55 through 58 were in the application at the time of filing. Claims 59 through 74 are added by reason of this AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST ACTION.

Conclusion:

All of the pending claims are allowable and such action is courteously invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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